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Proceedings of Committees.

ETHICAL COMMITTEE.

A MEETING of the Ethical Committee was held at the office of the Association on March 2nd, Mr. R. H. KINSEY (in the chair); the other members present were: Dr. J. Ford Anderson, Mr. H. A. Ballance, Dr. A. G. Bateman, Mr. G. H. Broadbent, Dr. Bruce Goff, Dr. R. L. Langdon Down, Mr. W. D. Spanton. Mr. W. E. Hempson, Solicitor to the Association, attended to advise the Committee.

TRADERS' COMMISSION TO MEDICAL MEN.

The Committee considered correspondence since the last meeting of the Committee in a case which it had been previously decided should be reported in the JOURNAL when completed. In this case a medical practitioner practising abroad had received a letter from a wholesale chemist in the United Kingdom pressing upon his notice certain special preparations and asking him to endeavour to sell them, and offering a commission on orders obtained through his introduction. The medical practitioner in question placed the papers in the hands of the Editor of the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, who placed them before the Ethical Committee. By direction of that Committee a letter was written to the chemist pointing out the impropriety of such an offer of commission, and asking for an explanation.

The Committee now had before it a letter from the chemist explaining that his action was due to a mistake, expressing great regret, and stating that he would not repeat the offence. The Committee accepted this explanation and undertaking.

MEDICAL AID SOCIETIES.

The Committee approved of the reply which had been given to an inquiry from the honorary secretary of a Division concerning the alleged connexion of a local medical practitioner with a medical aid society which canvassed, and the probability of the General Medical Council dealing with such a matter.

The reply given had been that the General Medical Council would only deal with such cases if definite evidence was placed before them of canvassing or advertising, and that if such evidence could be obtained the Association would assist in the preparation of a case for consideration by the General Medical Council.

PUBLICATION OF PHOTOGRAPHS AND BIOGRAPHIES.

The Committee approved of the action of the Chairman in replying to an inquiry from a Division to the effect that the propriety of members of the profession furnishing photographs and biographies for a county history was a matter depending in some degree upon special circumstances, and therefore for local consideration, but that in general such action was to be regarded adversely. The Division had since passed a resolution stating that no member of it should furnish the particulars.

COPYRIGHT OF THE "JOURNAL."

The GENERAL SECRETARY reported successful action taken to protect the copyright of the JOURNAL in a case in which a company had used an extract from it as an advertisement. The Committee expressed satisfaction at the result.

MISLEADING DESCRIPTION IN THE "MEDICAL DIRECTORY."

It was decided to address a remonstrance to a medical practitioner with respect to a misleading record of his former appointments which appeared in the *Medical Directory*.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS.

The CHAIRMAN reported that the Council had at its last meeting adopted all the recommendations of the Committee. With respect to the resolution of the Council as to primary reference of ethical cases to Divisions or Branches for investigation, the following additional rule was adopted by the Committee for its own guidance:

That in any cases referred to a Division or Branch for primary investigation, no decision should be arrived at by the

Central Ethical Committee until a report from the Division or Branch has been received.

Trade Advertisements.

The Committee expressed satisfaction at the result of the action taken in the matter of a company which had undertaken to discontinue printing the names of its medical officers on its wrappers.

Anonymous Complaints.

The Committee decided that it could not take into consideration complaints received anonymously.

Division Rules.

The Committee recommended the Council to approve the adoption of the model rules of ethical procedure submitted by the Liverpool (Southern) Division, and also the rules submitted by the North Suffolk Division.

The opinion of the Committee with respect to the rules submitted by the Wandsworth Division was directed to be communicated to the Division.

Investigation of an Ethical Case.

The Chairman reported, with reference to a request from a Division in Ireland, that an ethical case should be investigated by an impartial and independent person from a distance, and that he had asked the Irish Committee to appoint a suitable person in Ireland. The Chairman's action was approved.

Gratuitous Medical Advice.

The Committee considered complaints with respect to a scheme of gratuitous medical advice initiated by *Answers*, and the Editor was requested to deal with the matter in the Journal.[1]

Standing Order as to Hypothetical Cases.

It was resolved:

That it be a standing order of the Committee that it give no opinion upon purely hypothetical cases. That the names of the practitioners concerned must in all cases be supplied, in order that a statement from them may be invited.

Medical Men and Public Appointments.

On consideration of an inquiry as to whether it was permissible for a medical practitioner to apply for a public appointment which had not been advertised as vacant, the Committee expressed the opinion that a medical practitioner is justified in applying for a public appointment which is actually vacant, whether the fact has been advertised or not.

Consultants.

The Chairman submitted a memorandum as to consultants which he prepared at the request of the Committee, and it was resolved to consider the matter further at the next meeting.

Members of Public Bodies giving Expert Advice.

A communication from the Public Health Committee was received, requesting the Ethical Committee to consider the propriety of the practice of medical members of public bodies giving expert advice in order to avoid the necessity for appointing expert officials, and the advisability of circulating an inquiry to the Divisions on the subject.

The following resolution was adopted:

That, in the opinion of the Committee, the practice in question is undesirable, and that the Public Health Committee be informed that a recommendation to this effect will be included in the Annual Report of the Ethical Committee in order that it may receive the consideration of the Divisions.

School Certificates.

The Committee considered a communication from the Education Committee of a County Council with respect to alleged impropriety of a certificate of unfitness to attend school given by a medical practitioner; and a letter from the practitioner was read expressing regret for his action. The following resolutions were adopted:

That in the opinion of the Committee the practitioner ought to make an apology to the Education Committee for his error.

That the Education Committee be informed of this decision, and also that in the opinion of the Committee both the antecedent circumstances in this particular case, and the action of the Education Committee towards medical practitioners in the county, appear to require serious consideration, and that the papers have therefore been handed to the Committee of the Association which considers such matters.

[1] British Medical Journal, March 10th, 1906, p. 583; March 17th, p. 639.

Meetings of Branches & Divisions.

[*The proceedings of the Divisions and Branches of the Association relating to Scientific and Clinical Medicine, when reported by the Honorary Secretaries, are published in the body of the* Journal.]

BIRMINGHAM BRANCH:

Coventry Division.

A meeting of this Division was held at the Coventry and Warwickshire Hospital on March 6th, Dr. Milner Moore in the chair.

Letters of Apology.—Apologies for non-attendance were received from Drs. Davidson, Pickup, and J. Orton.

Public Medical Services.—Dr. Moore moved the adoption of the recommendations contained in the Special Report on Public Medical Services of the Medico-Political Committee (Supplement, July 22nd, 1905).—This was seconded by Dr. Harman Brown.—The whole were agreed to unanimously with the following alterations:

A. (4) In this clause "12 months" was substituted for "6 months."

B. (2) As an addition to this clause, "That at least two-thirds of the Committee of Management should consist of active members of the staff of the Public Medical Service."

Paper.—Dr. Harman Brown read a paper on the Radical Cure of Hernia in Infants and Young Children, as illustrated by a successful series of cases. Six of these cases were exhibited.—The paper was discussed by Drs. Moore, Heal, and McGlashan, and Dr. Brown replied.

Minimum Midwifery Fee.—Dr. Brown moved:

That the minimum fee for midwifery in the area of the Division be 1 guinea.

—This was seconded by Dr. McGlashan, but as the requisite notice for the resolution to be operative under the Bradford Rules had not been given, its consideration was deferred.

DORSET AND WEST HANTS BRANCH:

Bournemouth Division.

A meeting of this Division was held on Wednesday, March 28th, at Bournemouth, Dr. Snow in the chair.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Bournemouth Medical Society.—A communication from the Bournemouth Medical Society was read.

The Title of Doctor.—A resolution *re* the title of doctor, from the Gateshead Division, was negatived.

Hospital Out-patient Departments.—The question of hospital out-patient departments (Supplement, February 17th) was negatived.

Grants to Divisions.—The proposed amendment to the by-law relative to grants to Divisions (Altrincham Division) was negatived.

Expenses of Representatives.—The proposed amendment of the article relative to expenses of representatives (Northamptonshire Division) was negatived.

Registration of Nurses.—The questions submitted by the Medico-Political Committee as to nurses' registration (Supplement, March 3rd) were considered. Both questions were answered in the affirmative, after an interesting discussion.

Discussion.—A discussion on haematemesis was ably introduced by Dr. Littledale, Dr. Muspratt, and Mr. Vernon, and continued by Dr. Lys, Dr. Purkiss, Mr. Midelton, Dr. McCulloch, Dr. Belben, Dr. Barraclough, and Dr. Snow.

EAST ANGLIAN BRANCH:

East Norfolk Division.

The quarterly meeting of this Division was held at the Great Yarmouth Hospital on March 23rd, Dr. H. Wyllys in the chair.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Grouping of Division.—The question of the grouping of this Division was considered, and it was decided that the present grouping with Lowestoft was satisfactory and should be adhered to. This was on the proposal of Mr. A. C. Mayo, seconded by Mr. W. Wyllys.

Case.—Mr. H. Wyllys read notes of a case of severe abdominal injury which had been treated in hospital. The man had fallen on to the spikes of some railings, one of which had torn open the abdominal walls, allowing a large portion of bowel to protrude; another spike had gone through the perineum in an oblique direction to Poupart's ligament, tearing a portion from its attachment together with a piece of the bone. The patient was then shown; he walked with a slight limp and looked well.

Lowestoft Medical Institute.—A resolution of the North Suffolk Division was read which declared that any medical man accepting the position of medical officer to the Lowestoft Medical Institute under existing conditions is acting in a manner detrimental to the interests and honour of the profession. This received the hearty support of the meeting, as did the opinion that consultants should not meet any one holding the appointment whilst the Lowestoft members are unable to do so.

Draft Charter.—The Draft Charter was laid before the meeting, and further consideration of the same was postponed until all the members should have had copies of it.

Women and Children's Clubs.—Drs. A. Mayo and H. Blake were invited to attend the Branch meeting at Lynn, and to bring forward the question of combating women and children's clubs.

Papers for Next Meeting.—Clinical cases or papers for the next meeting would be welcomed by the Secretary, J. Vickers.

GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND BRANCH:

Dumbartonshire and Argyllshire Division.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Dumbartonshire and Argyllshire Division was held at Dr. Nicoll's house, 4, Woodside Place, Glasgow, on March 13th.

Letters.—The Honorary Secretary read letters of apology for absence from Drs. Sewell and Robertson, the latter requesting to be relieved of his duties owing to his advancing years. Dr. Nicoll, in Dr. Sewell's absence, took the chair.

Constitution of the Division.—The Honorary Secretary intimated that he had circularized the members of this Division on February 19th, asking them to vote on the following questions:

1. Should the Dumbartonshire and Argyllshire Division of the British Medical Association continue as at present constituted, and meet at a centre within the area of membership?
2. Should it remain as at present and meet in Glasgow?
3. Should this Division be merged in one of the Glasgow Divisions?
4. Should the whole matter be referred to the Executive Committee of the Branch?

The Honorary Secretary intimated that he received forty-four replies to the postcards sent to members. The majority of the members voted in favour of Resolution 2, which was declared carried.

Officers and Representatives.—It was agreed that Dr. Sewell remain in office; that the Honorary Secretary, J. Ewing Hunter, be appointed Representative to the Representative Meeting; that the Chairman, Dr. Sewell, and Honorary Secretary be appointed Representatives for the Branch meetings.

Surplus Funds.—It was agreed that any surplus funds should *not* be returned to the central funds, but should be kept in the Branch to meet any contingencies.

Proposed Association House in Edinburgh.—It was agreed that there should be no Association House, including library, in Edinburgh, for the obvious reason that there are not sufficient funds.

HALIFAX AND NOVA SCOTIA BRANCH.

The regular fortnightly meeting of this Branch was held at the City Council Chamber, Halifax, on February 14th, 1906.

Representative on Central Council.—On motion, it was resolved:

That the election of a Representative of this Branch on the Central Council and Parliamentary Bills Committee be held at this meeting.

Lieutenant-Colonel G. Carleton Jones, A.M.S., the only nominee, was declared elected.

Communications.—Lieutenant-Colonel Jones read a paper on the household fly as a factor in the causation of disease, drawing much of his evidence from the records of the military sanitation arrangements in the Cuban, Boer, and Russo-Japanese wars. A discussion followed.—Dr. James Ross read a paper entitled Remarks on the Diagnosis and Treatment of Syphilis, which was also followed by discussion.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH:

Liverpool and Birkenhead Divisions.

A joint meeting and dinner of these Divisions was held on the 22nd ult., when the members were invited to meet Mr. J. Smith Whitaker, the Medical Secretary of the Association, at the Adelphi Hotel. Covers were laid for some sixty members and friends, and the chair was taken at 8.15 p.m. by Sir James Barr, the President of the Branch, who, after ample justice had been done to the good fare provided, proposed the toast of "The British Medical Association." This was responded to by Mr. Smith Whitaker, who, in the course of his speech, gave an able and instructive address on medical organization. A cordial vote of thanks was afterwards passed to that gentleman on the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Dr. Given, and a similar compliment to Sir James Barr for presiding terminated a very successful and enjoyable evening.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH:

Marylebone Division.

A meeting of this Division was held on March 21st at 11, Chandos Street, Dr. Radcliffe Crocker in the chair.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Direct Representatives on General Medical Council.—Mr. Andrew Clark was nominated as a candidate for the General Medical Council. It was resolved to support the nomination of Dr. Langley Browne and Mr. Rutherford Morison for the General Medical Council.

Annual Representative Meeting.—Sir Victor Horsley gave his report, as Representative of the Division, of the business done at the last Representative Meeting. A cordial vote of thanks was given to Sir Victor Horsley for the able manner in which he had represented the Division.

Entertainment Committee.—Mr. Armour was elected a Representative on the Entertainment Committee of the Metropolitan Counties Branch.

New Rules of Central Midwives Board.—It was resolved to take no action with regard to the new rules of the Central Midwives Board, as the Branch Council was already dealing with the matter.

Out-patients at Hospitals.—Resolutions i, ii, iii of the Hampstead Division on the question of out-patients at hospitals were agreed to. Resolution iv was rejected.

The Treatment of the Sick Poor.—The following resolution was unanimously passed, on the resolution referred to the Divisions from the Leicester Representative Meeting:

> That provided no interference with medical education is thereby caused, and in the neighbourhood concerned there exist sufficient facilities for the treating of the sick poor by means of public medical services or provident dispensaries, this Division approves of the resolution of the Representative Meeting.

Expenses of Representatives.—The resolution of the Nottingham Division on the payment of representatives' expenses was rejected.

By-law 17.—The resolution of the Altrincham Division to amend By-law 17 was approved.

Title of "Dr."—The resolution of the Gateshead Division on the title of "Dr." was rejected.

Declaration by Candidates.—The resolution of the Gateshead Division on the declaration by candidates was rejected.

New Premises of Association.—The resolution of the Wandsworth Division on consulting the Division before any sum over £200 was spent on the new premises of the Association was rejected.

ST. PANCRAS AND ISLINGTON DIVISION.

THE regular monthly meeting was held on March 23rd at the Royal Free Hospital, London, W.C. Dr. FRANCIS J. BUCKELL, of Canonbury (Chairman), presided.

Sir William Collins.—The SECRETARY reported that in accordance with the wishes of the members, Sir William Job Collins, M.P., had been asked to join the Association, and he had written expressing his sympathy, but said he felt unable to accept the invitation.

General Medical Council.—Mr. Andrew Clark has accepted the nomination by the Division as a candidate for a seat on the General Medical Council.

Address.—MRS. MARY SCHARLIEB, M.D., gave a lecture on The Significance of Uterine Haemorrhage both in Child-bearing Women and at the Menopause. A discussion followed, and Mrs. Scharlieb was heartily thanked, and she agreed to hand the lecture to the Secretary, to be forwarded to the Editor of the JOURNAL with a request for its publication.

Medical Politics.—The members then discussed several points of medical politics, including the use of the title of "Dr."; the proposed outlay on Association buildings; the amount of expenses per head of members of Divisions, and the payment of the expenses of Representatives at annual meetings.

STRATFORD DIVISION.

A MEETING of this Division was held on Thursday, March 15th, at 9 p.m., at the Alexandra Hotel, Stratford, E., Dr. STOCKER presiding.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Address.—Dr. F. J. SMITH (London Hospital) gave a short address of a very interesting and practical character on colitis, and was awarded at the close a hearty vote of thanks, on the motion of the CHAIRMAN.

Election of Candidates for Central Council.—The meeting then proceeded to consider a communication from the Wandsworth Division regarding the selection of candidates for the Council of the Association, and, on the motion of Dr. PERCY ROSE, seconded by Dr. HAY, it was unanimously resolved:

> That this Division is prepared to take part in a committee of selection of candidates for the General Council of the Association, provided every Division in the Branch is represented on that Committee by a delegate, with voting powers according to their membership.

Candidates for General Medical Council.—Dr. F. J. Smith (Honorary Secretary, Metropolitan Branch) and Dr. L. S. McManus (Wandsworth Division) were nominated as candidates for the General Medical Council by the Stratford Division.

NORTH WALES BRANCH:

DENBIGH AND FLINT DIVISION.

A MEETING of this Division was held at the Lion Hotel, Mold, on February 23rd.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Division and Parliamentary Candidates.—The SECRETARY presented a report on the memorandums and questions on parliamentary subjects affecting the medical profession, submitted for the consideration of parliamentary candidates.

Ethical Rules.—Division rules as to professional conduct, as well as those pertaining to contract practice and appointments, as drafted by the Medical Secretary and adopted by the Bradford Division, were discussed and referred to a Special Committee for consideration.

Next Meeting.—The annual meeting was fixed to be held at Wrexham in May.

Paper.—Mr. JAMES TAYLOR, F.R.C.S., read a paper on the treatment of acute peritonitis. Discussing the pathology of the disease, he pointed out that neither mechanical nor chemical causes would alone suffice to set up the disease. A pathogenic organism was essential, and this, following Dudgeon and Sargent, to whose Erasmus Wilson Lectures he referred his audience, he showed to be usually the colon bacillus, which made its way into the peritoneal cavity and infected any previously-contained sterile fluid or foreign body. The streptococcus frequently found in conjunction with it he regarded as probably harmless and possibly as even benign in its influence. As for treatment, he showed by reference to the works of various authorities, that although the disease was so well known, there were curiously wide differences in the views taken as to the principles on which it should be treated. McCosh, of New York, for instance, described himself as operating only on 50 per cent. of all cases encountered, while Lennander, of Upsala, advised that in every case operation should be performed as soon as possible. Speaking for himself, he said the sum total of medical treatment was rest for the body, the intestines, and the mind. One form of rest was relief from pain. This could be obtained by opium, and the reasons commonly given for abstaining from its use seemed to him poor. Certainly it masked pain, but remembering what pain had existed before they could allow for that effect. If opium immobilized the intestines, it merely increased a condition which already existed, while it could not affect the amount of toxicity. Large doses need not be given; merely sufficiently to keep down the pain and secure rest for the nervous system. The time at which surgery should step in must vary with each patient. If the pulse-rate persistently increased from hour to hour or tympanitis increased, operation must be early. On the other hand, some delay was permissible if the expression became less anxious. In a case originating in the appendix, the question of locality might account for something; thus, if the patient were far off, immediate operation was indicated, but if near at hand, in a place where the patient could constantly be watched, one might be inclined to wait awhile. He had never, however, regretted early operation, and in some instances had regretted the opposite course. The urgency was greatest in first attacks of appendicitis, later ones being less frequently violent and fatal. As for the operation to be chosen in peritonitis, the author, after describing several incisions which had been advocated, described his own method, namely, that of following any localizing indications which might be discoverable, and opening the abdomen as near to the site as convenient, enlarging the primary incision if need be when exploration was complete. If a pus cavity were opened it should be emptied without disturbing surrounding adhesions, and the cause of suppuration removed if it were possible with the same limitations. If the peritonitis were general probably the best course, if the cause could not readily be found, was to wash out the cavity quickly, using a good quantity of saline fluid. If, however, the exudate were not markedly purulent, and the cause could be removed, washing out was not advisable, as, the cause being removed, the peritoneum could look after itself. When distended small intestine appeared in the wound his practice was to incise it, let out the gas and faeces, and sew up the opening; large intestine might often be treated in the same way, but sometimes it was well to stitch it to the skin wound, and make a temporary artificial anus. Drainage was essential in all purulent cases, and he greatly preferred using two or three india-rubber tubes. Gauze was useful when there was much oozing of blood, but he did not like it and preferred to avoid its use. In after treatment the main thing was rest in every form. The passage of a rectal tube was often useful to remove flatus, but he favoured no kind of enema; even saline rectal injections often did harm. Looking far ahead it seemed to him that though the surgical treatment of peritonitis was at present all-important, and would play a still more prominent part in the early future, yet, sooner or later, the treatment might once more be purely medical; for since acute peritonitis was always due to microbic invasion, and usually to the *B. coli*, a serum antitoxic to the latter might one day be found. This microbe disarmed, the peritoneum would be able to look after any perforations by itself.

PERTH BRANCH.

MEETING OF COUNCIL.

A MEETING of Council was held at 3.45 p.m. on Friday, February 23rd, Dr. MCEWAN in the chair.

New Member.—Dr. J. A. B. Sim, of Perth, was elected a member of the Association and Branch.

CLINICAL MEETING.

A CLINICAL meeting was held at 4 p.m., Dr. NORWELL, President, in the chair.

Apologies for Absence.—Apologies for absence were inti-

mated from Dr. Buist (Dundee), Dr. Borrowman (Crieff), and Dr. Urquhart.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of last meeting were read, approved, and signed by the President.

The late Dr. Thom.—In the unavoidable absence of Dr. Urquhart, the Secretary read a communication from him in reference to the late Dr. Thom, of Crieff.—On the motion of the President, the Secretary was instructed to write and thank Dr. Urquhart for his interesting reference to the late Dr. Alexander Thom, and also to write Mrs. Thom, expressing the sympathy of the Branch in her bereavement.—The offer of Dr. Urquhart to have his reference printed and circulated to members of the Branch was agreed to.

Cases.—Dr. Paton showed several cases: (1) A boy recovering from acute nephritis; he had marked oedema and scanty urine loaded with albumen, which persisted for several weeks, and in the treatment advocated, amongst other drugs, the use of pulv. scammonii co., the administration of which drug seemed to cause the turning-point in his illness; (2) a case of interstitial nephritis; (3) a case of large white kidney, which was probably tuberculous in origin, because though albumen and blood had disappeared and urine plentiful, body weight was steadily decreasing; (4) a case of incipient phthisis with practically no physical signs to begin with, but persistent cough and later tubercle bacilli in sputum. Some discussion followed, Drs. Stirling and Beatty both advocating the use of purgatives in nephritis, such as pulv. scammonii co., and thinking purging was the means of eliminating the poison. Dr. Haig (Crieff) thought that the benefit from purging was due to rest given to the kidney by giving the kidney less work to do, etc.—Dr. Lyell showed a girl, aged 14, suffering from ichthyosis, which had existed since shortly after birth. In his remarks he said it was a deformity more than a disease. This was a very aggravated case and the distribution unusual. It is usually on the extensor surfaces, but a number of flexor surfaces were involved. All forms of treatment had been tried, large doses of cod-liver oil and thyroid extract, but the disease remained stationary.—Dr. Stirling showed a series of cases of osteomyelitis, specially referring to the differential diagnosis, and in the treatment the early recognition and free opening as the only chance of recovery. He also showed a few cases under treatment with tuberculin injections—namely, tuberculous glands improving and sinuses closing up. He also referred to its uses in skin and genito-urinary affections of tuberculous origin.—Dr. Taylor showed three cases of tuberculous peritonitis with marked improvement in two of the cases.

Demonstration.—A demonstration of the high-frequency apparatus then followed.

Tea.—Dr. Mackay kindly entertained the members to tea in his room.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH:

Canterbury and Faversham Division.

An ordinary meeting of this Division was held at Sittingbourne on March 22nd.

Luncheon.—The Chairman of the Division, Dr. Gosse, kindly provided luncheon.

Clinical Meeting.

A clinical meeting was held at Dr. Gosse's surgery, 113, High Street, where Dr. T. Colcott Fox, Physician to Skin Department Western Hospital, gave a demonstration on some twenty or more skin cases shown by Drs. Gosse, Fisher, Whitehead Reid, Boodle, Grayling, Henchley, and surgeons Holmes, Gittings, and Dickenson, of the Royal Navy.

Medico-Political Meeting.

At the termination of the clinical meeting a medico-political meeting was held over the County Court Offices, 1a, Crescent Street, Dr. William Gosse presiding.

Confirmation of Minutes.—Minutes of previous meeting confirmed.

Next Meeting.—It was agreed that the next meeting should be held in Canterbury early in June, and that Dr. Whitehead Reid, President of the South-Eastern Branch, should be invited to preside.

Registration of Nurses.—The Nurses' Registration Report[1] was discussed. Dr. Whitehead Reid proposed and Dr. Evers seconded:

> That this Division approves in general of the method of registration for nurses proposed by the Select Committee of the House of Commons, but disapproves of a separate register of nurses whose training is of a lower standard than that laid down for registered nurses.

This was carried *nem. con.*—Dr. Evers proposed and Dr. Boodle seconded:

> That registration of nurses should include midwifery nurses who should have three years' training, of which one at least should be in a lying-in hospital.

This was carried unanimously.

Hospital Out-patient Departments.—Dr. Boodle proposed and Dr. Etheridge seconded, the resolution of Supplement of February 17th. This was carried unanimously.

Resolution of Ethical Committee.—A communication was read from the Central Ethical Committee in reference to a resolution passed by the Ethical Committee of this Division; the members present unanimously agreed with the finding of the Divisional Ethical Committee.

Police Emergency Fees.—The President of the South-Eastern Branch read some correspondence with reference to police emergency fees in Kent. It appeared that the police authorities would only hold themselves responsible for a medical man's fees when called in by the police to attend a prisoner. In other cases the medical practitioner had to look to the patient for his fee. This matter was brought forward by the Chairman (Dr. Wm. Gosse) at the Sheerness meeting in October last, and a resolution was passed calling on the Branch Council to take action in the matter for the purpose of procuring payment of medical practitioners called in by the police in all emergency cases.

Representative at Annual Representative Meeting.—It was decided to leave the matter of the grouping or not of this Division for the purpose of electing a Representative to attend the Representative Meeting to the central authorities.

Nomination of Members for the General Medical Council.—No action was taken thereon.

East Kent and Canterbury Medical Society.—Correspondence was read with reference to amalgamating the East Kent and Canterbury Medical Society with this Division of the British Medical Association.

Divisional Finance.—The questions asked by the Organization Committee with reference to Divisional finance were discussed.

Messages of Apology.—A letter and telegram of apology for absence were read from Drs. Alexander and Kessick Bowes respectively.

Communication from South-Eastern Branch.—It was resolved at this (Sittingbourne) meeting that the reply to the communication of the South-Eastern Branch be sent to the Medico-Political Committee of the Association "to render such support to the Divisions concerned as may be required" (vide Supplement, July 15th, 1905, p. 54).

Votes of Thanks.—Votes of thanks were passed to Dr. Gosse for presiding, allowing the use of his surgery for the clinical cases, and for hospitality in providing lunch and tea; and to Mr. Greensted for the use of offices for the medico-political meeting.

Croydon Division.

A meeting of this Division was held at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, March 15th. Mr. St. George Reid in the chair.

The late Dr. T. R. Adams.—In opening the meeting the Chairman referred to the great loss that the Division had sustained in the death of its late Chairman, Dr. T. R. Adams.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Next Meeting.—On the motion of Dr. Haslam, seconded by Mr. Horsley, it was resolved to hold the next meeting at the Croydon General Hospital with Dr. Redfern as Chairman.

Papers.—Dr. R. Hutchison read a paper upon the Treatment of Various Forms of Diarrhoea in Infancy and Childhood. Drs. Meredith Richards, Addey, Bell, Mark Jackson, and Reid took part in the subsequent discussion. Dr. W. S. A. Griffith read a paper upon Excessive Lochia and After-pains. Drs. Cressey, Braddon,

[1] Supplement, British Medical Journal, March 3rd, 1906.

GRIPPER, ADDEY, TURNER, and MARK JACKSON afterwards discusssd various points raised.

Dinner.—Fifteen members remained to dinner.

EASTBOURNE DIVISION.

A MEETING of this Division was held on Thursday, March 29th, at 8.30, in the Mayor's parlour, Town Hall, Eastbourne, Dr. HABGOOD in the chair.

Hospital Out-patient Departments.—The report of the Hospitals Committee was read and considered, and after considerable discussion the question on the scope of out-patient departments in hospitals was voted upon, with the result that the general principles involved were approved, though it was felt that the final form of the resolution would require modification and made less limited in application.

Registration of Nurses.—After discussion it was resolved:

That this Division, while still feeling that the registration of nurses is unnecessary, considers that the method of registration proposed by the Select Committee of the House of Commons is the best under the circumstances.

The separate registration of midwifery nurses was approved by the members present.

Contract Practice.—The recommendations of the Medico-Political Committee on contract practice, as printed in the SUPPLEMENT for August 5th, 1905, were approved.

GUILDFORD DIVISION.

A MEETING of this Division was held at the Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford, on Friday, March 30th, at 4.30 p.m., Dr. A. HOPE WALKER, Vice-Chairman of the Division, in the chair.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Paper.—Mr. C. A. BALLANCE, F.R.C.S., gave an interesting address on the *Surgery of Brain Abscess*, which was much appreciated by those present. The paper was illustrated by an excellent series of lantern slides.

Contract Practice.—The adjourned discussion on this subject took place, and reports were received by Dr. MINCHIN (Godalming) and Dr. SLOMAN (Farnham) with regard to the feeling of practitioners in their respective neighbourhoods on the recommendations of the Medico-Political Committee (vide SUPPLEMENT, July 22nd, 1905). In both cases a general approval of the principles of a public medical service was expressed, but it was not considered practicable, or in some respects desirable, to give effect to the recommendations at present. After some discussion by members the following resolution was then submitted to the meeting and carried unanimously:

That this Division approves in general of resolutions 1, 3 (except section *b*), 4, 5, and 6, but does not consider it practicable at present to take any steps to carry them into effect in the area of the Division, as there appears to be no general dissatisfaction on the part of members with existing conditions of contract practice.

Non-approval of resolutions 2 and 7 and section (*b*) of 3 was expressed.

Hospital Out-patient Departments.—It was proposed by Dr. HUDSON and seconded by Dr. PEARSE that the proposal of the Hospitals Committee that out-patient departments should be limited to consultations and casualties, especially in the case of hospitals whose staff are general practitioners, be approved. This was carried.

Royal Charter.—The proposed application by the Association for a Royal Charter was approved.

Medical Practitioners and Midwives.—It was agreed to support as far as possible the action of the Metropolitan Counties Branch in regard to legislation for ensuring these payments by the London County Council, and the scale of fees proposed by the Council of the above Branch was considered suitable and adequate. It was hoped that similar action would be taken in other parts of the country.

Vote of Thanks.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded by the meeting to Mr. Ballance for his paper.

SEVENOAKS DIVISION.

THE spring meeting of this Division was held at the Royal Oak Hotel, Sevenoaks, on March 29th, Dr. TEW, M.O.H. Tonbridge, in the chair.

Parliamentary Committee.—Dr. MARRIOTT (Sevenoaks), Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee, gave an account of the work of the Committee in connexion with the recent election, and it was resolved that the attention of the member for the Sevenoaks Division be called to the question of remuneration of medical men under the Midwives Act by the local authorities.

Papers.—Dr. E. W. WHITE, of King's College Hospital, read an interesting and practical paper on the treatment of incipient and borderland cases of insanity in general practice, which gave rise to many questions. These were answered and discussed by the author.

General Accident Assurance Corporation.—Mr. H. M. WATTS (Tonbridge) introduced the subject of the methods adopted by the General Accident Assurance Corporation, and the following resolutions were adopted:

In the judgement of this meeting, the proposals of this Corporation for enlisting the services of medical men are unworthy of attention and derogatory to the profession, and it is to be hoped that there will be no acceptance of their terms in this Division; that this resolution be circulated to members of the British Medical Association in the Division and to non-members, and that it be sent with the Corporation's paper to the Medical Secretary of the British Medical Association.

Dinner.—The members subsequently dined together, and entertained the Chairman of the Urban District Council and two other guests.

ULSTER BRANCH.

A JOINT meeting of this Branch and of the Ulster Medical Society was held in the Medical Institute, Belfast, on Thursday evening, March 29th. Dr. CALWELL, President of the Ulster Medical Society, occupied the chair, and Dr. Cecil Shaw, Honorary Secretary of the Branch, and Dr. Thomas Houston, Honorary Secretary of the Society, acted as joint secretaries.

Apologies for Non-Attendance.—Apologies were read from a large number, including Dr. Leonard Kidd, the President of the Branch, who was prevented at the last moment from attending and occupying the chair as had been arranged.

Tughan v. Darnell.—The business for which the meeting was summoned was: (1) To discuss what action, if any, should be taken with regard to the legal aspects of the decision in the recent action, Tughan *v.* Darnell; (2) to consider the advisability of raising a fund to assist Dr. Darnell in defraying the expenses of the case. Mr. KIRK read certain questions which he, Dr. McKisack, and Dr. Campbell had agreed to submit to counsel, seeking for information as to how the law as laid down by the learned judge would affect the practice of the profession. After considerable discussion it was arranged that these questions, supplemented by several others suggested at the meeting, should be submitted to counsel, the expenses to be defrayed by the two societies if their respective councils consented. The consideration of the second part of the business, concerning the raising of a fund, was deferred, and the meeting adjourned.

WEST SOMERSET BRANCH.

THE spring meeting was held at the Taunton and Somerset Hospital on March 27th, Mr. GORDON HENRY, President, in the chair.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

Paper.—Mr. H. T. S. AVELINE, Superintendent of the Bath and Somerset Asylum, Cotford, read a very interesting paper on the care and treatment of the feeble-minded. Some discussion followed, which was joined in by the PRESIDENT, Dr. MACDONALD, and Mr. SYDENHAM, after which Mr. Aveline was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for his interesting address.

Case.—Dr. H. T. RUTHERFOORD gave a brief outline of a case and showed a specimen of a uterus with large fibroid which he had removed from a patient on whom four years previously he had performed Caesarean section. On the motion of the PRESIDENT, Dr. Rutherfoord was cordially thanked for bringing this interesting specimen before the Branch.

Proposed Royal Charter.—Dr. MACDONALD introduced the subject of the proposed application for a Royal Charter, which he explained lucidly and briefly to the meeting. It was decided in view of the importance of the subject to call a special meeting to consider the proposals.

Hospital Out-patient Departments.—The following resolution sent to the Branch from the Hospitals Committee was discussed, the subject being opened by the PRESIDENT:

> That in the opinion of this meeting there should be no out-patient departments in hospitals, except for consultations and casualties, and that this opinion specially applies to hospitals whose staff are general practitioners.

After a general discussion, it was proposed by Dr. H. T. RUTHERFOORD, seconded by Mr. C. RANDOLPH, and carried *nem. con.*

> That this meeting do not approve of the resolution *re* out-patient departments on the agenda paper.

Tea.—The members adjourned to tea before dispersing.

YORKSHIRE BRANCH:
BRADFORD DIVISION.

AN ordinary general meeting of this Division was held at the Eye and Ear Hospital, Bradford, on Tuesday, March 13th, at 8.30 p.m. In the unavoidable absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Dr. HIME was voted to the chair.

Confirmation of Minutes.—Dr. METCALFE, an Honorary Secretary, read the minutes of the last meeting, which were adopted.

Administration Orders.—A letter was read from Messrs. Lund and Plunkett, accountants, Bradford, asking for a donation to a fund to pay the expenses of an appeal to the High Court with a view to reversing the decision of his Honour Judge Bompas, K.C., in regard to administration orders. The CHAIRMAN and other members present considered the matter a very important one for general practitioners in the Division, but there appeared to be some doubt as to whether the Division could legally subscribe to a fund for the purpose mentioned. Eventually Dr. RABAGLIATI proposed and Dr. LITTLE seconded:

> That 3 guineas be given to the fund from the moneys in the hands of the Treasurer received from the Bradford and West Riding Medico-Ethical Union on its dissolution.

This was carried unanimously.

Notices of Motion for Representative Meeting.—The notices of motion in the SUPPLEMENT for March 3rd, p. 78, were then considered. Decisions were arrived at for the guidance of the Representative at the next Annual Representative Meeting.

Registration of Nurses.—The nurses' registration report was discussed at considerable length, most of the gentlemen present taking part in the discussion. It was generally felt that it was impossible to answer the two questions suggested by the Medico-Political Committee in a direct manner.—Dr. ARNOLD EVANS proposed, and Mr. PECK seconded, a resolution to the effect that the Division did not approve of any part of the recommendations.—Dr. CRAIG proposed, and Dr. H. J. CAMPBELL seconded, the following amendment:

> That this Division, while approving in general of the proposed method of registration for nurses as contained in the abstract of the House of Commons Report, cannot approve of the suggested method of examination, or of the indefinite periods of training, or of the principle of the proposal in Paragraph XI relating to the possibility of instituting a separate *Register of Nurses*, whose training would be of a lower standard than that laid down for registered nurses.

On being put to the vote, the amendment was declared carried. In connexion with the second question, Mr. HORROCKS proposed and Dr. RABAGLIATI seconded:

> That the names of all nurses should be registered in one register, but that a distinction should be made as to the class to which the nurse belonged, such as surgical, mental, midwifery, etc.

This was carried unanimously. The meeting then terminated.

Association Notices.

LIBRARY OF THE BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

NOTICE is given that the Library will be closed from Thursday next, April 12th, to Tuesday, April 17th.

April 5th. GUY ELLISTON, *General Secretary.*

BRANCH AND DIVISION MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

BORDER COUNTIES BRANCH.—The next meeting of this Branch will be held in Keswick on Friday, May 4th. Any member who desires to make a communication to the meeting is requested to inform the Secretary at his earliest convenience. Fuller details of arrangements will be published later.—FRANCIS R. HILL, Carlisle, Honorary Secretary.

BORDER COUNTIES BRANCH: SCOTTISH DIVISION.—A meeting of this Division will be held in Dumfries about the middle or end of April. Members who have business or communications to bring before the meeting are requested to give notice to the Secretary.—GEORGE R. LIVINGSTON, Honorary Secretary, Dumfries.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH: LIVERPOOL (NORTHERN) DIVISION.—A meeting of the members of the above Division will be held at the Medical Institution, 114, Mount Pleasant, on Monday, April 9th, at 4 p.m. Agenda: To consider and, if approved of, confirm the recommendations of the Executive Committee with reference to: (1) An ethical question. (2) Rules of the Central Midwives Board. (3) Matters referred to Divisions: (*a*) Contract Practice (see SUPPLEMENT, BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, August 5th, 1905); (*b*) selection of Direct Representatives on General Medical Council (see SUPPLEMENT, October 7th, 1905), (*c*) suggested formation by Divisions of sections for clinical and pathological work (see SUPPLEMENT, November 11th, 1905); (*d*) inquiry (1905-6) as to the present system of Division and Branch Finance; (*e*) Hospital Out-patient Departments (see SUPPLEMENT, February 17th, 1906). (4) Notices of Motion: By the Gateshead Division, by the Wandsworth Division (see SUPPLEMENT, February 10th, 1906); by the Altrincham Division, by the Northamptonshire Division (see SUPPLEMENT, February 24th, 1906).—A. W. GERMAN, Honorary Secretary.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: HAMPSTEAD DIVISION.—The next meeting of the Division will be held this day, Friday, April 6th, at the Hampstead Conservatoire, Swiss Cottage, N.W., at 8.30 p.m., Mr. F. R. Humphreys in the chair. Agenda: (1) Minutes. (2) Correspondence. (3) Questions. (4) The Hampstead Hospital Question. (5) Consideration of the Report of the Hospitals Committee (see BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL SUPPLEMENT for February 17th, 1906). (6) Resolutions for the Representative Meeting. (7) Contract Practice Report (an epitome of which will be found in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL SUPPLEMENT for March 3rd, 1906).—R. A. YELD, Hampstead, Honorary Secretary.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: ST. PANCRAS AND ISLINGTON DIVISION.—The next meeting will be held on Friday, April 27th, at the St. Pancras Infirmary, in Pancras Road, London, N.W., at 4 p.m. Agenda: (1) To consider the clauses of the Draft Charter, which will be explained by Mr. J. Smith Whitaker. (2) Hospital out-patient reform. (3) The registration of nurses.—WM. WYNN WESTCOTT, Secretary.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: TOTTENHAM AND CITY DIVISIONS.—A conjoint meeting will be held on Thursday, April 19th, at 8.30 p.m., at Brooke House, Upper Clapton (by the kind invitation of Dr. J. O. Adams). Dr. J. H. Sequeira will give a demonstration of skin diseases. Members are invited to bring their professional friends.—FRED. TRESILIAN, Honorary Secretary, Tottenham Division; E. W. GOODALL, Honorary Secretary, City Division.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES AND SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCHES.—A conjoint meeting of the Chelsea, Westminster, Lambeth, Norwood, Croydon, Richmond, and Wandsworth Divisions will be held at the Battersea Town Hall, Clapham Junction, at 3.45 p.m. on Thursday, April 19th, to discuss the proposed Royal Charter. Dr. T. Jenner Verrall, Chairman Organization Committee, will address the meeting, followed by the Medical Secretary. The Presidents of the two Branches, as well as others, will be attending. All members of the Association who care to attend will be welcomed.—E. R. FOTHERGILL, J. R. JOHNSON, P. H. PARSONS, H. J. PRANGLEY, W. K. SIBLEY, W. H. B. STODDART, and E. H. WILLOCK, Honorary Secretaries.

NORTH OF ENGLAND BRANCH.—A meeting of the North of England Branch will be held on Tuesday, April 24th, at Stockton-on-Tees. Members wishing to read papers or show cases are requested to inform Dr. Cox as soon as possible.—ALFRED COX, J. H. HUNTER, Honorary Secretaries.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: NORWOOD DIVISION.—A clinical meeting will be held on Thursday, April 12th, at 4 p.m., at St. John's Hospital, Morden Hill, Lewisham, H. C. Burton, F.R.C.S., of Blackheath, in the chair. The staff have kindly promised to show cases. Members desirous of exhibiting cases are requested to communicate with the Honorary Secretary at once. St. John's Hospital is a few minutes from Lewisham Junction and the Catford and Greenwich trams pass the bottom of Morden Hill.—H. J. PRANGLEY, Honorary Secretary.

GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL.

ELECTION OF DIRECT REPRESENTATIVES FOR ENGLAND AND WALES, NOVEMBER, 1906.

Candidates Nominated by Divisions for Selection by the Representative Meeting on behalf of the Association.

The following members of the Association have been nominated by the Divisions named to be candidates for election, and have accepted nomination in accordance with the terms of the scheme published in the Supplement of the British Medical Journal for October 7th, 1905:

Name.	*Address.*	*Nominating Division or Divisions.*
BROADBENT, George Harry, M.R.C.S. ... (Member of Central Ethical Committee, Member of Lancashire and Cheshire Branch Council, and Representative of North Manchester Division.)	8, Ardwick Green, Manchester	Manchester (North).
BROWNE, Henry Langley, M.D., F.R.C.S.Ed. (Chairman of Council of the Association.)	Moor House, West Bromwich	Central Birmingham. City (London). Kensington. Marylebone. Swansea.
BULLAR, John Follett, M.B., F.R.C.S. .. (Member of Branch Council, Southern Branch.)	7, Carlton Crescent, Southampton	Winchester.
CLARK, Andrew, F.R.C.S. ... ... (Member and late Chairman of Central Council, and President of the Metropolitan Counties Branch.)	71, Harley Street, W.	City (London). Marylebone. St. Pancras and Islington.
HELME, Thomas Arthur, M.D., M.R.C.P. ... (Honorary Secretary and Treasurer of Lancashire and Cheshire Branch, Member of Central Council and Medico-Political Committee.)	3, St. Peter's Square, and Mayfield, Victoria Park, Manchester	Manchester (Central). Manchester (West).
JACKSON, George, F.R.C.S. ... ... (President of the South-Western Branch, and Member of the Medico-Political Committee.)	10, Portland Villas, Plymouth	Exeter. Gateshead. Kensington. Manchester (North). Plymouth.
LATIMER, Henry Arthur, M.D. ... ... (Chairman and Representative of Swansea Division, Member of Medico-Political Committee.)	4, Belvoir Place, Swansea	Swansea.
McMANUS, Leonard Strong, M.D. ... ... (Representative of Wandsworth Division, Member of Medico-Political Committee.)	25, Spencer Park, Wandsworth Common, S.W.	Stratford. Wandsworth.
MORISON, James Rutherford, F.R.C.S. ... (Member of Branch Council and Chairman of Northumberland Committee, North of England Branch.)	14, Saville Row, Newcastle-on-Tyne	Blyth (Cleveland). Consett. Furness. Gateshead. Marylebone. Newcastle-on-Tyne. North Northumberland. South Shields. Stockton-on-Tees. Sunderland.
RENSHAW, Charles Jeremiah, M.D., F.F.P.S.Glas. ... (Representative on Lancashire and Cheshire Branch Council and ex-Chairman of Altrincham Division.)	Beech Hurst, Ashton-on-Mersey, Lancashire	Altrincham. Manchester (Central). Manchester (West).
RHODES, John Milson, M.D. ... ... (Chairman of South Manchester Division, Lancashire and Cheshire Branch.)	Ivy Lodge, Didsbury, Manchester	Manchester (Central). Manchester (South).
SMITH, Frederick John, F.R.C.P., M.D. ... (Honorary Secretary, Metropolitan Counties Branch.)	138, Harley Street, W.	Stratford.
STRATON, Charles Robert, F.R.C.S.Edin. ... (Member of Central Council, Medico-Political Committee and Colonial Committee.)	West Lodge, Wilton, Salisbury	Wandsworth. Winchester.
GODSON, Alfred, M.B., M.C.Cantab. ... ... (Chairman of the Stockport, Macclesfield, and East Cheshire Division.)	Cheadle House, Cheadle, Cheshire	Stockport, Macclesfield, and East Cheshire.

April 5th. J. SMITH WHITAKER, *Medical Secretary.*

THE SEVENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

British Medical Association,

TORONTO, CANADA, AUGUST 21st to 25th, 1906.

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PROGRAMME OF BUSINESS.

An Address in Medicine will be delivered by Sir James Barr, M.D., F.R.C.P., F.R.S.E.

An Address in Surgery will be delivered by Sir Victor Horsley, M.B., F.R.C.S., F.R.S.

An Address in Obstetrics will be delivered by Walter Spencer Anderson Griffith, M.D., F.R.C.P.

THE SECTIONS.

There will be 13 Sections as shown in the subjoined list; they will meet on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, August 21st, 22nd, 23rd and 24th, from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

The President, Vice-Presidents, and Secretaries of each Section constitute a Committee of Reference for that Section.

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No paper must exceed 15 minutes in reading, and no subsequent speech 10 minutes.

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PROGRAMME OF PROCEEDINGS.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 21ST, 1906.

9.30—12.30 a.m.—Meetings of Sections.
2.30 p.m.—Address on Obstetrics, Dr. W. S. A. Griffith.
4.30 p.m.—Garden Parties.
8 p.m.—Address of Welcome; Introduction of Guests, Delegates, etc.; and President's Address.
9.30 p.m.—Reception by the Lieutenant-Governor in the Parliament Buildings.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22ND.

9.30—12.30 a.m.—Meetings of Sections.
2.30 p.m.—Address on Medicine, Sir James Barr, M.D.
4.30 p.m.—Garden Parties.
8.30 p.m.—Address on Surgery, Sir Victor Horsley, F.R.S.
9.30 p.m.—Reception.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23RD.

9.30—12.30 a.m.—Sectional Meetings.
4.30 p.m.—Garden Parties.
7.30 p.m.—Annual Dinner.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 24TH.

9.30—12.30 a.m.—Sectional Meetings.
2.30 p.m.—General Meetings.
4.30 p.m.—Garden Parties.
Excursions.
8.30 p.m.—Soirée.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25TH.

Excursions to Niagara Power Company's plant, through the courtesy of Sir Henry M. Pellatt.
Excursion to Muskoka.
Excursion to Lambton, through the courtesy of the President, Mr. Austin.

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MESSRS. STOCKWELL AND CO., Limited, 8-10, Beak Street, London, W., send us the following particulars of first-class tours throughout London to Toronto and back:

Via Quebec and Montreal.	£ s. d.
Saturday, August 4th.—Steamship *Empress of Britain*, 14,500 tons, C.P.R., arriving Quebec 11th, and thence to Montreal, rail to Toronto, returning by Lake steamer through the Thousand Islands and Rapids to Montreal home by C.P.R. steamer	From 36 16 6
Or Montreal to Toronto by steamer, rail home from Toronto via New York and Cunard steamer	From 38 5 5
Wednesday, August 8th.—Steamship *Lake Erie*, 7,550 tons, C.P.R., arrive Montreal 19th, rail to Toronto, returning by Lake steamer through the Thousand Islands and Rapids to Montreal, home by C.P.R. steamer	From 33 0 6

Montreal to Toronto by steamer, rail home from Toronto via New York and Cunard steamer ... ... From 36 5 5

Thursday, August 9th.—Steamship *Ionian*, 8,265 tons, Allan Line, arrive Montreal 18th, rail to Toronto, returning by lake steamer through the Thousand Islands and Rapids to Montreal, home by Allan Line steamer ... ... From 33 0 6

Or Montreal to Toronto by steamer, rail home from Toronto via New York and Cunard steamer From 36 5 5

Via New York.

Wednesday, August 8th.—Steamship *Teutonic*, 10,000 tons, White Star, arriving New York 15th, rail to Toronto, returning via Lake steamer to Montreal, thence by Dominion Line to Liverpool ... ... From 41 11 5

Friday, August 10th.—Steamship *Cedric*, 20,000 tons, White Star, arriving at New York 17th, rail to Toronto, returning via Lake steamer through the Thousand Islands and Rapids to Montreal, thence by Dominion Line steamer to Liverpool ... ... From 43 9 5

Saturday, August 11th.—Steamship *Etruria*, 8,161 tons, Cunard Line, arrive at New York 18th, rail to Toronto, returning via Lake steamer through the Thousand Islands and Rapids to Montreal, thence per Allan or C.P.R. steamer to Liverpool ... ... From 38 14 5

Saturday, August 11th.—Steamship *New York*, 10,000 tons, American Line, arriving New York 18th, rail to Toronto, returning via Lake steamer through the Thousand Islands and Rapids to Montreal, thence by Dominion Line steamer to Liverpool ... ... From 39 16 5

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"Empress of Britain" and "Empress of Ireland." Proposed Saloon Rates.

	From Liverpool, August 1st to October 31st.			
	1 Adult.	2 Adults, Each.	3 Adults, Each.	4 Adults, Each.
	£ s.	£ s.	£ s.	£ s.
Upper Promenade Deck:				
Cabins 22, 23, 30, 31	40 0	25 0	—	—
Other cabins	42 10	27 10	22 10	—
Lower Promenade Deck:				
125	40 0	25 0	—	—
Other outside rooms ...	42 10	27 10	22 10	—
Inside rooms 101, 102	35 0	25 0	20 0	—
Saloon Deck:				
Outside rooms 203, 204 ...	40 0	25 0	—	—
201, 202, 205, 206, 211, 212 ...	40 0	25 0	21 0	—
Other outside rooms	45 0	27 10	22 10	20 0
Inside rooms 207, 208, 209, 210	35 0	22 10	20 0	—
Other inside rooms	35 0	22 10	20 0	17 0
Upper Deck:				
Outside room 350	35 0	25 0	—	—
Other outside rooms	35 0	25 0	22 10	20 0
Inside rooms 338, 356, 364, 370	30 0	20 0	—	—
Other inside rooms	32 10	22 10	18 0	16 0

Saloon Rates, ss. "Victorian," August 2nd.

	For 1.	For 2.	For 3.	For 4.
	£ s.	£ s.	£ s.	£ s.
Bridge deck:				
H., K., L., N., O., P.	45 0	55 0	65 0	—
Rooms J., M., N., O.	40 0	50 0	—	—
		each	each	
Rooms 1 to 37	40 0	25 0	20 0	—
Rooms 38 and 39	30 0	20 0	18 0	—
Saloon Deck:				
All outside rooms	35 0	22 10	20 0	17 0
All inside "	30 0	20 0	18 0	16 0

"Dominion," August 2nd.

	For 1.	For 2.	For 3.	For 4.
Promenade Deck:	£ s.	£ s.	£ s.	
Room A, containing brass bedstead	19 0	18 0	—	—
Saloon deck room	—	16 0	14 0	—
Upper " "	—	15 0	14 0	—

Saloon Rates, "Ionian," August 9th.

	For 1.	For 2.	For 3.	For 4.
	£ s.	£ s.	£ s.	£ s.
Shelter Deck:				
All outside rooms	31 10	21 0	18 0	16 0
All inside "	30 0	18 0	16 0	14 0
Main Deck:				
All outside rooms	30 0	18 0	16 0	—
All inside "	—	17 0	14 0	—
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The rates are subject to the following reductions:

£27 10 0 berth for £25 0 0
£25 10 0 " " £22 10 0
£22 10 0 " " £20 0 0
£20 0 0 " " £18 0 0

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HOTELS IN TORONTO.

OUR Toronto correspondent has forwarded the following list of hotels in Toronto and their charges:

Name of Hotel.	Location.	Rates per Day.
King Edward	33 to 41, King St. East..	$3 00 to $5 00
Queen's Hotel ...	78 to 92, Front St. West	3 00 to 5 00
Rossin House... ...	King and York Sts. ...	2 50 to 5 00
Walker House ...	Front and York Sts. ...	2 00 to 2 50
Palmer House ...	King and York Sts. ...	2 00 to 3 50
Arlington	King and John Sts. ...	2 50 to 3 50
Iroquois Hotel ...	King and York Sts.	2 00 to 2 50
Leader Hotel	King St. E. and Leader Lane	1 50 to 2 00
English Chop House..	50, King St. West ...	1 50 to 2 50
Gladstone House ...	Queen St. and Gladstone Ave.	2 00
Albion Hotel	31, Jarvis St.	1 50
Richardson House ...	458, King St. West ...	1 50
Grand Union Hotel ...	Simcoe St.	2 00 to 3 00
Stag Hotel	124, King St. West ...	2 00
Elliott House	Church and Shuter Sts.	2 00
Empress	Yonge and Gould Sts....	1 00 to 1 50
Russell House ...	217, Yonge St.	1 50 to 2 00
Daly House	Simcoe and Front Sts. .	1 00 to 1 50
Power House	421, King St. West ...	1 00
Clyde Hotel	King St. East	1 25
Grosvenor House ...	Yonge and Alexander...	2 00
Somerset House ...	Church and Carlton ...	2 00
Gibson House... ...	Queen and George Sts. .	1 50 to 2 00
O'Connor House ...	94, Front St. East ...	1 00
Black Bull Hotel ...	298, Queen St. West ...	2 00
Carlton House ...	183, Yonge St.	1 00 to 2 00
Tremont House ...	163 to 167, Yonge St. ...	1 50 to 2 00
Crystal Palace ...	King St. and Strachan Av	1 50 to 2 00
York Hotel	187, King St. East ...	1 00
Nealon House ...	197, King St. East ...	1 00 to 1 50
Union House	21, Simcoe St.	1 00 to 1 50
Lake View Hotel ...	Parliament and Winchester Sts.	1 50
Grand Central ...	57, Simcoe St.	1 00
Avonmore	274, Jarvis St.	1 50
Y. W. C. Association	52, Elm St. (ladies only)	1 00
Hanlan's Hotel ...	The Island	—
Mrs. Mead's Hotel ...	Centre Island	—
Frances E. Willard Home	Elm and Teraulay ...	—

NOTE.—Accommodation for over 30,000 visitors can be found in the number of good boarding-houses all over the city, at $1.00 per day, or $4.00 and $6.00 per week.

ROYAL COMMISSION ON THE CARE AND CONTROL OF THE FEEBLE-MINDED AND EPILEPTIC.

The Royal Commission on the Care and Control of the Feeble-Minded met on March 9th to receive evidence from Ireland, the principal witnesses being Sir G. P. O'Farrell, M.D., Inspector of Lunatic Asylums; Mr. J. M. Colles, Registrar of Lunacy; Mr. E. Burke, a General Inspector of the Irish Local Government Board, and Dr. F. E. Rainsford, Medical Superintendent of the Stewart Institution for Imbeciles, Palmerstown.

Sir G. P. O'Farrell, after giving an account of the general provisions for the treatment of persons of unsound mind in Ireland, said that the procedure for admission to public asylums differed altogether from that in England, as the initiative did not rest with the local Poor-law authorities, except as regarded cases actually in union workhouses. The necessary action had to be taken by a relative or friend of the lunatic, and as this involved the payment of a fee to the certifying medical practitioner, it presented a serious bar in the majority of cases owing to the poverty of the parties concerned. In consequence, recourse was had to the quasi-criminal procedure of swearing informations, and taking the lunatic before two magistrates to obtain an order. His experience in Ireland convinced him that fine or imprisonment were quite unable to effect any reformation in the habits of the confirmed drunkard. Quite 50 per cent. of the crime committed in Ireland could be traced to alcoholic excess; this excess was the cause of much insanity, and the efforts to deal with this great national evil had hitherto been trivial. It was not unreasonable to expect that grants similar to those originally given in England to enable inebriate institutions to be started and fostered should be made to such institutions in Ireland. As to persons mentally deficient who were possessed of means, while they were minors they were under the care of the Court of Chancery. Many of these persons, though weak-minded, were not absolutely imbecile or insane, and having a considerable amount of wealth at their disposal, eventually became the easy prey of designing and parasitical adventurers; in the course of a few years they might thus squander money which would have been enough to afford them a competence for life, and contracting at the same time vicious and intemperate habits, become ultimately a burden on the public rates by gravitation into asylums or prisons. Protection in such cases could be afforded by a slight extension of the powers of the Lord Chancellor, who was already charged with the care and commitment to custody of the persons and estates of those found to be idiot, lunatic, or of unsound mind.

Mr. Colles suggested that if schools for training improvable children were provided by voluntary effort, feeble-minded and imbecile children found in unsuitable surroundings might be committed to them by a magistrate. The expense should be met partly by capitation grants from the Treasury and partly by local authorities, subject to the conditions that all such schools should be adequately supervised, and that the period of detention should be somewhat longer than in industrial schools.

Mr. Edmund Burke said that the want of institutions for the education of mentally-deficient or backward children was very apparent, not only in the case of feeble-minded pauper children, but in the case of children belonging to the poorer classes who now lived with their relatives. The boarding-out system could be seldom resorted to with advantage in such cases, and if separate schools could be provided for their reception it would be an enormous gain.

Dr. Frederick E. Rainsford said that in his institution the inmates, unless helpless idiots, could, as a rule, be easily taught something. The establishment of an industrial school or colony for the benefit of weak-minded persons, the greater part of the work being done by the inmates, was highly desirable.

At a meeting of the Royal Commission on the Care and Control of the Feeble-minded on March 16th further evidence was received from Ireland, the principal witnesses being Sir Christopher Nixon, ex-President of the Royal College of Physicians and Visiting Physician to the Central Criminal Lunatic Asylum at Dundrum; Dr. Conolly Norman, Resident Medical Superintendent of the Richmond Asylum; and Mr. E. M. Courtenay, Lunacy Inspector.

Sir Christopher Nixon said that in considering the factors which contribute to swell the number of feeble-minded and defective persons, post-natal conditions such as the influence of insanitary and depressing environment, insufficiency of food and parental care, and alcoholic excess, counted for much. On the other hand, there was constant evidence of a parallelism in conformation, in disposition, and in diathesis between a child and its parent. Hence it was most desirable that feeble-minded and defective women should be kept in institutions during the entire procreative period. This consideration applied with particular force in the case of a woman who, when out of a workhouse, lived the life of a prostitute. All pauper imbeciles should be removed from workhouses and kept in special institutions. As for ordinary defectives, the problem of dealing with them would be solved if certain religious bodies already engaged in allied work could be persuaded to take charge of a colony for the feeble-minded such as that at Ursberg in Bavaria. As for criminal lunatics, the accommodation at Dundrum should be increased so as to permit of a better segregation of different classes of lunacy, and of the separation of convicts who became insane during imprisonment, from persons detained "during pleasure" as having been irresponsible for the commission of a crime. The former persons, on termination of their sentence, should not be sent to an ordinary asylum or released, but kept under supervision in a special asylum. Prisoners who were merely feeble-minded and persons known to be habitual criminals should be treated in much the same way.

Dr. Conolly Norman said that in an asylum for imbeciles and idiots the adults should be separated from the young. No effort should be spared to kindle in the latter any spark of intelligence that might exist. In a few cases "higher grade imbeciles" might be made self-supporting. Many more could be taught to occupy their time in useful employments. The great majority at least could be improved in habits of cleanliness and self-care. Those incapable of any improvement should be permanently detained as they required more nursing and care than it could reasonably be expected they would get in a private household. Those who had been taught to earn or to assist in earning their own living, the harmless and tranquil, and those who had acquired habits of decency and order, should be provided for by an organized system of family care as in France, Germany, and elsewhere abroad.

Mr. E. M. Courtenay stated that the Acts relating to the care of the insane in Ireland in some cases contained provisions not in accordance with modern ideas on the subject. They did not sufficiently guarantee the proper admission of the insane to asylums, nor did they adequately safeguard the public against the suspicion that cases were unnecessarily detained in these institutions.

CENTRAL MIDWIVES BOARD.

A meeting of the Central Midwives Board was held on March 29th at 6, Suffolk Street, Pall Mall, with Dr. F. H. Champneys in the chair.

Information as to the Proceedings of the Board.

A letter from Dr. Meredith Young (M.O.H. Stockport) was read, forwarding a copy of a resolution passed at a meeting of the Incorporated Society of Medical Officers of Health on February 16th, asking for information as to the proceedings of the Board so far as they affect local supervising authorities. In the course of the discussion on this letter, Mr. Ward Cousins pointed out the advisability of supplying the Society concerned with the information desired, and this suggestion was adopted.

Proposed Cardiff Examination Centre.

A letter was read from Dr. E. Walford (M.O.H. Cardiff), forwarding a copy of a resolution passed by the local supervising authority at Cardiff, asking the Board to make Cardiff one of the provincial centres for the Board's examinations. Some of the candidates did not understand the English language, and it was urged that this difficulty would be obviated by having a provincial centre at Cardiff. The matter was referred to the Standing Committee, in

spite of the opposition of Sir William Sinclair, Mr. Ward Cousins, and Mr. Parker Young.

Suggested Official Handbook for Midwives.

The report of the meeting of examiners held on March 20th, 1906, to consider the question of an official handbook for midwives was received. The following is quoted from the report:

It was moved by Dr. Lyle, and seconded by Dr. Fothergill, "That the examiners recommend to the Board the publication of an official handbook for midwives." After discussion, during which suggestions were made that the object of the motion might be met by an amplification of the syllabus of instruction, the motion was put and lost, 7 voting in favour of it and 17 against.

Sir W. J. Sinclair said that he would give formal notice of a resolution bearing on this matter.

Duties of Inspectors of Midwives.

The Standing Committee recommended that local supervising authorities, having appointed inspectors of midwives, be requested to furnish the Board with copies of the rules that have been drawn up for the inspector's guidance, and that, where no rules have been compiled, the local supervising authority be asked whether such rules, if drawn up by the Central Midwives Board, would be acceptable. This was discussed, and it was decided that the consideration of this recommendation be postponed for six months.

Persistently Disobedient Midwives.

The Clerk of the London County Council having reported that two midwives were guilty of persistent disobedience to Rule E, 19 (b), and had announced their intention of not complying with the rule, the Board directed that the midwives in question should be called on to furnish an explanation of the facts alleged against them by the London County Council.

Certificates of Character.

At a meeting of the Board on January 30th, 1906, the name of Mary Ann George was removed from the Roll, and instructions were given that the papers in the case should be sent to the Public Prosecutor for his consideration of the facts concerning the signing of a certificate of good character by a clergyman. The Board had received a letter from the Director of Public Prosecutions, dated March 5th, 1906, in which he says that he has read and considered the papers forwarded to him. Although the conduct of the clergyman in question was, in his opinion, morally inexcusable, and the explanation altogether unsatisfactory, he did not think in view of that explanation that the clergyman would be convicted under Section 12 of 2 Ed. VII, cap. 17, of wilfully making or causing to be made a falsification in a matter relating to the Roll of midwives. The Director of Public Prosecutions submitted that, if any indictable offence under that Act should be brought to the notice of the Central Midwives Board, it would be within its power to institute a prosecution, and that these would not necessarily be cases calling for the intervention of the Director of Public Prosecutions under 42 and 43 Vict., cap. 22, and the regulations made under that Act.

Naval and Military Appointments.

ROYAL NAVY MEDICAL SERVICE.

The following appointments have been made at the Admiralty: Francis H. Clayton, M.D., Staff Surgeon, to the *Egmont*, additional, for miscellaneous service, vice Shaw, March 28th; Charles E. Matthew, M.B., Fleet Surgeon, to the *Monmouth*, on recommissioning, April 10th; William E. Marshall, Staff Surgeon, to the *Pembroke*, additional, and John McElwee, M.D., Fleet Surgeon, to the *President*, additional, for three months' course of study at West London Hospital, both dated April 9th; Richard Willan, Surgeon, to the *Monmouth*, on recommissioning, April 10th; Evan St. M. Nepean, Fleet Surgeon, to the *Empress of India*, vice McElwee, April 1st; George A. S. Bell, Fleet Surgeon, and Staff-Surgeons Frederick Fedarb and Flystan G. E. O'Leary have been appointed to the *President* for hospital course, the former under date April 12th and the latter both under date April 9th; Richard W. Stanistreet, Staff Surgeon, to the *Doris*, vice F. Fedarb, and Harold E. Fryer, Staff Surgeon, to the *Tyne*, April 9th; Patrick W. MacVean, M.B., Surgeon, to the *Sapphire II.* vice O'Leary, April 9th; Alfred T. Gailleton, M.B., to the *President*, for hospital course, April 9th.

Fleet Surgeon E. W. Luther has been placed on the retired list (at his own request), with the rank of Deputy Inspector-General. He was Surgeon in March, 1874, Staff Surgeon in March, 1886, and became Fleet Surgeon in September, 1890.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Colonel D. Bruce, M.B., C.B., has been ordered to Malta, on duty with the Mediterranean Fever Commission. Colonel Bruce is a member of the Army Medical Service Advisory Board, and is an expert in tropical diseases.

Major T. McCulloch, M.B., now at the War Office, Major J. G. McNaught, M.D., at Edinburgh, and Major J. C. Weir, M.B., London, are also to be appointed members of the foregoing Fever Commission. Major McCulloch saw service in China in 1900 (medal), and was mentioned in dispatches; while Major McNaught was in the South African War, 1901-2, and has the Queen's medal with five clasps.

Colonel M. W. O'Keefe has been appointed to the charge of the Royal Herbert Hospital, Woolwich. Colonel O'Keefe took part in the Egyptian Expedition, 1882 (medal with clasp, bronze star), and in the Tirah Campaign, 1897-8.

Colonel Montgomery Blennerhassett, C.M.G., retires on retired pay, April 4th. Colonel Blennerhassett's appointment as Lieutenant-Colonel was dated March 30th, 1892, and he became Colonel on April 1st, 1902, when he served as Administrative Medical Officer, India. He was in the Ashanti expedition of 1895-6, and was honourably mentioned (star).

INDIAN MEDICAL SERVICE.

Major R. Heard, M.B. (Bengal), is confirmed in appointment of Joint Medical Officer at Simla, from February 9th.

Captain W. M. Houston, M.B., Personal Assistant to Surgeon-General with the Government of Bombay, is appointed Inspector of Factories within the local limits of the City of Bombay.

In the Eastern Command Captain L. B. Scott, M.B., 8th Rajpoots, has been appointed to the medical charge of the regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel S. C. Nandi, retired; and Captain F. P. Connor, 13th Rajpoots, to the medical charge of that regiment.

The receipt of charge by Major J. Jackson, M.B., of Yeravda Central Prison on March 6th, 1906, is gazetted, as well as that by Captain J. M. Woolley, of Bhagalpore Central Gaol, on December 4th, 1905.

The following officers are admitted to the Indian Medical Service, from September 1st, 1905, and are assigned to the commands specified: C. H. Reinhold, A. F. Hayden, and B. E. M. Newland (Northern); L. A. H. Lack (Eastern); E. J. C. McDonald, R. W. Mackenzie, W. D. Wright, and J. F. Boyd (Northern); V. N. Whitamore (Eastern); J. Catto (Western); N. S. Sodhi (Eastern); W. J. Powell (Western); and W. C. Gray (Secunderabad Division).

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS (VOLUNTEERS).

Alexander Callam is gazetted a Lieutenant in the North-East Lancashire Bearer Company, March 27th.

ARMY MEDICAL RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel Robert T. C. Robertson, M.B., having resigned his commission in the Volunteers, ceases to belong to the Army Medical Reserve of Officers, April 4th.

Mr. W. J. F. Middlemiss, L.D.S.Edin., has been appointed a Dental Surgeon to the troops in Ireland, and Mr. E. H. Wyand, L.D.S.Eng., to the troops at Aldershot.

Vital Statistics.

In seventy-six of the largest English towns, including London, 8,933 births and 5,150 deaths were registered during the week ending Saturday last, March 31st. The annual rate of mortality in these towns, which had been 16.7, 16.2, and 15.8 per 1,000 in the three preceding weeks, rose again last week to 17.0 per 1,000. The rates in the several towns ranged from 8.3 in Grimsby, 9.0 in Hornsey, 9.4 in Willesden, 9.7 in Leyton, 10.1 in King's Norton, 10.6 in Handsworth (Staffs.), and 10.9 in Stockton-on-Tees, to 21.3 in Birmingham, in Bootle, and in Bury, 21.4 in Huddersfield, 22.1 in Liverpool, 22.2 in Blackburn, 22.8 in Hanley, 23.3 in Warrington, and 24.5 in Middlesbrough. In London the rate of mortality was 18.5 per 1,000, while it averaged 16.4 per 1,000 in the seventy-five other large towns. The death-rate from the principal infectious diseases averaged 1.6 per 1,000 in the seventy-six towns; in London this death-rate was 1.8 per 1,000, while among the seventy-five large provincial towns the rates ranged upwards to 3.1 in Liverpool and in Preston, 3.3 in Handsworth (Staffs.), 3.6 in Wolverhampton, 3.9 in Blackburn, 4.0 in Smethwick, and 4.4 in Bury. Measles caused a death-rate of 1.4 in Manchester and in Halifax, 1.6 in Liverpool, 1.7 in Bristol and in Newcastle-on-Tyne, 2.0 in Great Yarmouth, 2.2 in Tottenham, 2.7 in Blackburn and in Preston, and 3.6 in Bury; diphtheria of 1.1 in St. Helen's; whooping-cough of 1.5 in Oldham, 1.6 in Wolverhampton, 1.8 in Southampton, 2.3 in Warrington, 2.5 in Aston Manor, 3.0 in West Bromwich, 3.3 in Handsworth (Staffs.), and 4.0 in Smethwick; and diarrhoea of 1.1 in Oldham. The mortality from scarlet fever and from enteric fever showed no marked excess in any of the large towns. No fatal case of small-pox was registered last week in any of the seventy-six towns. The number of small-pox cases under treatment in the Metropolitan Asylums Hospitals, which had been 6, 7, and 10 at the end of the three preceding weeks, had declined again to 8 at the end of last week; no new case was admitted during the week, the numbers having been 1, 1, and 5 in the three preceding weeks. The number of scarlet-fever patients in these hospitals and in the London Fever Hospital at the end of the week was 2,386, against 2,545, 2,485, and 2,434 at the end of the three preceding weeks; 223 new cases were admitted during the week, against 268, 252, and 234 in the three preceding weeks.

HEALTH OF SCOTCH TOWNS.

During the week ending Saturday last, March 31st, 974 births and 647 deaths were registered in eight of the principal Scotch towns. The annual rate of mortality in these towns, which had been 18.2, 19.3, and 18.0 per 1,000 in the three preceding weeks, rose again to 18.9 per 1,000 last week, and was 1.9 per 1,000 in excess of the mean rate during the same period in the seventy-six large English towns. Among these Scotch towns the death-rates ranged from 15.8 in Leith and 16.5 in Edinburgh to 21.8 in Dundee and 25.7 in Paisley. The death-rate from the principal infectious diseases averaged 1.8 per 1,000 in these towns,

the highest rates being recorded in Dundee and Greenock. The 306 deaths registered in Glasgow included 14 which were referred to measles, 2 to scarlet fever, 3 to diphtheria, 7 to whooping-cough, and 5 to diarrhoea. Seven fatal cases of measles, 2 of scarlet fever and 2 of diarrhoea were recorded in Edinburgh. Two deaths from measles, 2 from whooping-cough, 2 from diarrhoea, and 1 from typhus fever occurred in Dundee; 2 from measles in Paisley; and 2 from diarrhoea in Greenock.

HEALTH OF IRISH TOWNS.

DURING the week ending Saturday March 31st, 650 births and 482 deaths were registered in six of the principal Irish towns as against 536 births and 420 deaths in the preceding period. The annual death-rate in these towns, which had been 22.2, 19.4, and 23.6 per 1,000 in the three preceding weeks, rose to 26.6 per 1,000 in the week under notice, this figure being 9.6 per 1,000 higher than the mean annual rate in the seventy-six English towns for the corresponding period. The figures ranged from 23.4 in Waterford and 24.0 in Cork to 29.2 in Belfast and 31.4 in Limerick. The zymotic death-rate in the same six Irish towns averaged 1.7 per 1,000, or 1.0 per 1,000 higher than during the preceding period, the highest figure—3.9—being recorded in Belfast, while no deaths under this heading were recorded in Waterford. The Belfast deaths included 21 from whooping-cough.

Vacancies and Appointments.

VACANCIES.

This list of vacancies is compiled from our advertisement columns, where full particulars will be found. To ensure notice in this column, advertisements must be received not later than the first post on Wednesday morning.

ABERDEEN (NEW) POORHOUSE.—Resident Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £80 per annum.

AYR COUNTY HOSPITAL.—Resident House-Surgeon. Salary, £70 per annum.

BRIDGWATER HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £80 per annum.

BUXTON: DEVONSHIRE HOSPITAL.—Assistant House-Surgeon. Salary, £70 per annum.

CANTERBURY: KENT AND CANTERBURY HOSPITAL.—House-Physician. Salary, £90 per annum.

CARLISLE: CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND ASYLUM, Garlands.—Junior Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £130, rising to £150, per annum.

CARLISLE NON-PROVIDENT DISPENSARY.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £150 per annum.

CHESTER GENERAL INFIRMARY.—House-Physician. Salary, £90 per annum.

DUNFERMLINE: CARNEGIE TRUST.—Female Assistant Medical Officer, holding D.P.H. Salary, £200 per annum.

EAST LONDON HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, Shadwell, E.—Assistant Surgeon to Out-patients.

GARTCOSH: GARTLOCH ASYLUM.—Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £125 per annum.

HALIFAX ROYAL INFIRMARY.—Second House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum.

HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN, Soho Square, W.—House-Physician. Salary, £60 for six months.

HULL ROYAL INFIRMARY.—Honorary Assistant Ophthalmic Surgeon to Out-patient Department.

KILLARNEY DISTRICT LUNATIC ASYLUM.—Resident Medical Superintendent. Salary, £450 per annum.

KNIGHTON UNION.—District Medical Officer. Salary, £40 per annum.

LEITH HOSPITAL.—Medical Registrar.

LIVERPOOL INFIRMARY FOR CHILDREN.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum.

LIVERPOOL: ROYAL SOUTHERN HOSPITAL.—Junior House-Surgeon. Salary 60 guineas per annum.

LIVERPOOL: STANLEY HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £60 per annum.

LONDON LOCK HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon to the Female Hospital. Salary, £80 per annum.

MAIDSTONE: WEST KENT GENERAL HOSPITAL.—(1) House-Surgeon: (2) Assistant House-Surgeon and Anaesthetist. Salary, £100 and £80 per annum respectively.

MANCHESTER CORPORATION.—Fourth Medical Assistant at the Monsall Fever Hospital. Salary, £100 per annum.

MARGATE: ROYAL SEA-BATHING HOSPITAL.—Resident Surgeon, to act as Junior and Senior for six months. Salary at the rate of £80 and £120 per annum respectively.

PADDINGTON GREEN CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL.—(1) House-Physician; (2) House-Surgeon. Salary at the rate of 50 guineas a year each.

PORTSMOUTH: ROYAL PORTSMOUTH HOSPITAL.—House-Physician. Salary at the rate of £50 per annum.

REIGATE BOROUGH.—Medical Officer of Health. Salary, £500 per annum.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS, Lincoln's Inn Fields.—(1) Examiners under the Conjoint Examining Board in England; (2) Examiners in Anatomy and Physiology for the Fellowship.

ROYAL EAR HOSPITAL, Soho.—(1) House-Surgeon, non-resident. Honorarium at the rate of £40 per annum; (2) Clinical Assistants.

ROYAL EYE HOSPITAL, Southwark, S.E.—House-Surgeon. Salary at the rate of 50 guineas per annum.

ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL, Gray's Inn Road, W.C.—(1) Resident House-Physician; (2) Resident House-Surgeon; (3) House-Physician; (4) Casualty House-Surgeon; (5) Assistant to Clinical Pathologist: salary, £50 per annum; (6) Assistant Anaesthetist.

ROYAL HOSPITAL FOR DISEASES OF THE CHEST, City Road, E.C.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary at the rate of £120 per annum.

ST. GEORGE'S UNION.—Second Assistant Medical Officer at the Infirmary, Fulham Road. Salary, £120 per annum.

SOMERSET AND BATH ASYLUM, Cotford.—Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £140 per annum, increasing to £160.

TOTTENHAM HOSPITAL.—(1) House-Surgeon; (2) House-Physician; (3) Casualty Officer. Salaries at the rate of £90, £60, and £40 per annum respectively.

VIRGINIA WATER: HOLLOWAY SANATORIUM.—Junior Assistant Medical Officer. Salary to begin, £175 per annum.

CERTIFYING FACTORY SURGEON.—The Chief Inspector of Factories announces a vacancy in the office of Certifying Factory Surgeon at Uppingham, co. Rutland.

APPOINTMENTS.

DOWNES, Harold, M.B., M.Ch.Edin., L.R.C.P., Medical Superintendent, Bellefield Sanatorium for Consumption, Lanark.

EAGER, Richard, M.B., B.Ch., Assistant Medical Officer, Devon County Asylum, Exeter.

EASTMENT, J. W., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., District Medical Officer of the Fareham Union.

FAIRBANK, H. A. T., M.S.Lond., F.R.C.S.Eng., Orthopaedic Surgeon to Charing Cross Hospital.

FRAZER, S., L.R.C.P. and S.Edin., Medical Officer of the Brentwood Training School of the Hackney Union.

GOOD, A. S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Lond., District Medical Officer of the Torrington Union.

GRENE, J. W., L.R.C.P. and S.Irel., Certifying Factory Surgeon for the Athboy District, co. Meath.

HALLIWELL, T. O., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Certifying Factory Surgeon for the Dewsbury District, co. York.

HEWITSON, W. A., L.R.C.P.Edin., M.R.C.S.Eng., Certifying Factory Surgeon for the Haswell District, co. Durham.

HONEYBOURNE, W. R., B.S.Camb., Resident Assistant Medical Officer to the Bradford Union Infirmary.

JENKINS, M., L.S.A., Medical Officer, Rhayader Union Workhouse.

KLUMPP, E. G., M.B., B.S.Durh., Certifying Factory Surgeon for the Wootton Bassett District, co. Wilts.

LAMBERT, Frederick Samuel, M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond., Medical Officer to the Lincoln Post Office.

LAWSON, R., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., District Medical Officer of the Wandsworth Union.

MACILRAITH, W. MacLaren, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S.Edin., L.F.P. and S.Glasg., and L.D.S., R.C.S.E., House-Surgeon at the Royal Cornwall Infirmary, Truro.

MARTIN, S. E., M.B., Resident Assistant Medical Officer, Central London Sick Asylum, Cleveland Street.

MILNE, Leslie J., M.A., M.D.Aberd., Certifying Factory Surgeon for Mirfield, Ravensthorpe, and Thornhill, and Medical Officer of Health for Mirfield, and Medical Officer, Crossley Infectious Hospital.

PAGE, C. H. W., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Lond., District Medical Officer of the Towcester Union.

POLLOCK, A. K. Halliday, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Eng., Medical Officer to the East Indian Railway.

PRICE, David, M.B Lond., Medical Officer for the Castle Cary District of the Wincanton Union.

RIDOUT, C. A. Scott, M.S.Lond., F.R.C.S.Eng., Honorary Pathologist to the Royal Portsmouth Hospital.

THOMSON, Edward Mervyn, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Lond., House-Surgeon to the Torbay Hospital, Torquay.

WARREN, W. P., L.R.C.P. and S. Edin., District Medical Officer of the Edmonton Union.

WELLINGTON, R. Henslowe, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Lecturer on Medical Jurisprudence, Westminster Hospital Medical School.

WHEELDON, F. J., M.R.C.S.Eng., L.S.A., Medical Officer of Health, Borough of Middleton.

WHITAKER, J. H., M.D., B.Ch., Clinical Assistant to the Chelsea Hospital for Women.

WILLIAMS, Penrose, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Honorary Medical Officer to the Bridgwater Hospital and Medical Officer to the Bridgwater Post Office.

WILLIAMS, D. L., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., District Medical Officer of the Carmarthen Union.

WILSON, W. James, B.A., M.B., R.U.I., Riddel Demonstrator in Pathology and Bacteriology, Queen's College, Belfast.

EDINBURGH ROYAL INFIRMARY.—The following appointments have been made:

In Charge of Gynaecological Ward No. 36.—N. T. Brewis, F.R.C.S.E.

Tutors.—J. S. Eason, M.D., F.R.C.P.E., to University Medical Wards; B. P. Watson, M.D., F.R.C.S.E., to University Gynaecological Ward.

Resident Physicians.—C. M'Neil, M.B., Ch.B.; J. Z. H. Rousseau, M.B., Ch.B.; P. M'Ewan, M.B., Ch.B; E. A. Elder, M.A., B.Sc., M.B., Ch.B.; W. L. Robertson, M.A., M.B., Ch.B.; H. P. Milligan, M.B., Ch.B.; J. A. Cruickshank, M.B., Ch.B.; J. C. D. Allan, M.B., Ch.B.; and J. S. Mitchell, M.B., Ch.B.

Resident Surgeons.—T. R. Smith, M.B., Ch.B.; A. M'Kendrick, L.R.C.P. and S. Edin.; H. J. Stewart, M.B., Ch.B.; J. G. Craig, M.B., Ch.B.; D. C. Crole, M.B., Ch.B.; N. C. Forsyth, M.B., Ch.B.; E. M. Simmers, M.B., Ch.B.; W. M. Hewetson, M.B., Ch.B., and H. C. Weber, M.B., Ch.B.

Non-Resident House-Surgeons.—G. A. Davies, M.D., Ch.B.; J. S. Fraser, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.S.E.; A. M. M'Intosh, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.S.E.

Clinical Assistants.—D. M'F. Barker, M.B., Ch.B.; R. S. Frew, M.B., Ch.B.; H. M. Brown, M.B., Ch.B.; J. M. Dickson, M.B., Ch.B.; R. J. Johnston, M.B., C.M.; R. Bruce, M.B., Ch.B.; J. L. Green, M.B., Ch.B.; H. Jamieson, M.D., M.R.C.P.E.; A. M. Malcolmson, M.B., Ch.B.; R. M. Matheson, M.D., Ch.B.; K. Melville, M.D.; R. W. Buchanan, M.A., B.Sc., M.B.; J. C. P. Ritchie, Ch.M., F.R.C.S.E.; A. G. V. van Someren, M.B., Ch.B.; F. W. Cragg, M.B.; and F. D. Simpson, M.D.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

The charge for inserting announcements of Births, Marriages, and Deaths is 3s. 6d., which sum should be forwarded in post-office orders or stamps with the notice not later than Wednesday morning, in order to insure insertion in the current issue.

BIRTHS.

ALCOCK.—On March 31st, at 25, Norfolk Mansions, Battersea Park, London, S.W., the wife of N. H. Alcock, M.D., of a daughter.

BRÉE.—On March 31st, at Manningtree, the wife of Sidney Brée, of a son.

CARMICHAEL.—On March 27th, at The Elms, East Hill, Wandsworth, S.W., the wife of Henry Carmichael, M.B., C.M.Glasg., of a son.

MARRIAGES.

HURST—BAUMANN.—At Savannah, Georgia, U.S.A., on March 10th, Walter Hurst, M.D., B.Sc., L.S.A., and Alice Heseltine Baumann, M.D. Home address, 502, Stanyan Street, San Francisco, California.

KAY—LAVER.—At St. Martin's Church, Scarborough, on March 20th, by the Rev. A. F. Mitchell, Vicar of St. Augustine's, Sheffield, and the Ven. Archdeacon Mackerness, Vicar of St. Martin's, Scarborough, Walter Smith Kay, M.D., Medical Superintendent of the South Yorkshire Asylum, Wadsley, Sheffield, to Elizabeth Mary, widow of Arthur H. Laver, M.D., of Sheffield.

DEATHS.

PITT.—On March 29th, at Wolverton, High Road, Chiswick, the wife of Francis Dingley Pitt, L.R.C.P., etc.

WALKER.—On March 28th, at his residence, Abydos, Longfellow Road, Worthing, Charles Rotherham Walker, M.D. (late of Gainsborough House, Leytonstone), aged 46. Friends kindly accept this (the only) intimation.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

MONDAY.

BRITISH GYNAECOLOGICAL SOCIETY, 20, Hanover Square, W., 8 p.m.—Exhibition of specimens.

MEDICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, W., 8.30 p.m.—Clinical evening. Cases, etc., will be by shown by Drs. Poynton, F. Parkes Weber, J. Calvert, O. K. Williamson, H. O. Carson, Messrs. J. Berry, C. Gordon Watson, C. B. Keetley, Maynard Smith, J. Lynn Thomas.

TUESDAY.

ROYAL MEDICAL AND CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY, 20, Hanover Square, W., 8.30 p.m.—R. McCarrison, M.B., I.M.S.: Observations on Endemic Goitre in the Chitral and Gilgit Valleys (with epidiascope demonstration).

SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF INEBRIETY, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, W., 4 p.m.—(1) Annual General meeting. (2) Discussion on The Alcoholic Craving, to be opened by Dr. Harry Campbell.

WEDNESDAY.

DERMATOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON, 11, Chandos Street, 5.15 p.m.—Cases and Specimens.

POST-GRADUATE COURSES AND LECTURES.

CENTRAL LONDON THROAT AND EAR HOSPITAL, Gray's Inn Road, W.C.—Wednesday, 5 p.m., Nasal Accessory Sinuses.

MEDICAL GRADUATES' COLLEGE AND POLYCLINIC, 22, Chenies Street, W.C.—The following clinical demonstrations have been arranged for next week at 4 p.m. each day: Monday, Skin: Tuesday, Medical: Wednesday, Surgical. Lectures at 5.15 p.m. will be given as follows: Monday, Rectal Examination in Urinary Disease: Tuesday, The Dangerous Sequelae of Suppuration in the Middle Ear (Treatment): Wednesday, How to Recognize and Treat Abscess of the Liver. On Thursday the College closes for the Easter holidays.

POST-GRADUATE COLLEGE, West London Hospital, Hammersmith Road, W.—The following arrangements have been made for next week: Monday, 4 p.m., Ophthalmology; Tuesday, 11.30 a.m., Bacteriology; Thursday, 11.30 a.m., Bacteriology; Friday, 11.30 a.m., Bacteriology; Wednesday, 12.15 p.m., Practical Surgery; Saturday, Practical Surgery. Daily, at 2.15 p.m., Medical and Surgical Clinics.

BOOKS, ETC., RECEIVED.

Personal Hygiene (Designed for Undergraduates). By A. A. Woodhull, A.M., M.D., LL.D. First edition. New York: John Wiley; and London: Chapman and Hall. 1906. 4s. 6d.

The World's Anatomists (from 300 B.C. to the Present Time). By G. W. H. Kemper, M.D. Philadelphia: P. Blakiston's Son and Co. 1905.

International Clinics. A Quarterly. Edited by A. O. J. Kelly, A.M., M.D. Vol. iv, Fifteenth Series, 1906. Philadelphia and London: J. B. Lippincott Co. Set of four vols., 35s.

The Frog: An Introduction to Anatomy, Histology, and Embryology. By the late A. M. Marshall, M.D., D.Sc., M.A., F.R.S. Edited by F. W. Gamble, D.Sc. Ninth edition. London: D. Nutt. 1906. 5s.

The Jungle. By Upton Sinclair. London: W. Heinemann. 1906. 6s.

The Economical Management of an Efficient Voluntary Hospital. Prize essays. By G. H. Hamilton and E. W. Morris. London: G. Barber. 1906. 6d.

Das Rettungs und Krankenbeförderungswesen im deutschen Reiche. Prof. Dr. George Meyer. III. Ergänzungsband zum klinischen Jahrbuch. Jena: Gustav Fischer. 1906. M.14.

The Operative Treatment of Fractures. By W. A. Lane, M.S., F.R.C.S. London: The Medical Publishing Co. 1905.

Beiträge zur Klinik der Tuberkulose. Herausgegeben von Dr. L. Brauer. I. Supplementband. Uber die numerischen Verhältnisse der Leukocyten bei der Lungentuberkulose. Von Dr. Med. R. Kjer-Petersen. Würzburg: A. Stuber. 1906. M.8.40.

Mitteilungen aus dem Laboratorium für radiologische Diagnostik und Therapie. Herausgegeben von Dr. G. Holznecht. Erster Band. Erstes Heft. Jena: Gustav Fischer. 1906. M.3.00.

Lincoln: A Historical and Topographical Account of the City. By E. M. Sympson. London: Methuen and Co. 4s. 6d.

Affektivität, Suggestibilität, Paranoia. Von E. Bleuler. Halle a. S.: Carl Marhold. 1906. M.3.

Précis de diagnostic chimique, microscopique et parasitologique. Par les Drs. J. Guiart et L. Grimbert. Paris: F. R. de Rudeval. 1906. Fr. 15.

Die chirurgischen Untersuchungsarten. Von Dr. O. Manz. II. Teil. Jena: Gustav Fischer. 1906. M.5.

An Essay on the General Principles of the Treatment of Spinal Curvatures. By Heather Bigg, F.R.C.S.Ed. London: J. and A. Churchill. 1905. 5s.

On Means for the Prolongation of Life. Second Edition of a Lecture delivered before the Royal College of Physicians on December 3rd, 1903. By H. Weber, M.D., F.R.C.P. London: J. Bale, Sons and Danielsson. 1906. 2s. 6d.

The Philosophy of Voice; showing the Right and Wrong Action of Voice in Speech and Song. By C. Lunn. Tenth edition. London: Baillière, Tindall and Cox. 1906. 6s.

The City of London Directory for 1906. The thirty-sixth annual edition. London: W. H. and L. Collingridge. 12s. 6d.

Studies from the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research. Reprints. Vol. IV. 1905. New York: Rockefeller Institute. 1905.

A Handbook of Medical Jurisprudence and Toxicology. By W. A. Brend, M.A., M.B., B.Sc. London: C. Griffin and Company, Limited. 1906. 8s. 6d.

Punsavana, or the Causing the Birth of a Male Child. (Reprinted from the Calcutta Journal of Medicine.) By S. N. Goswami, B.A., L.M.S. Calcutta: P. Sircar. 1902. R.1.

Studies in Anatomy from the Anatomical Department of the University of Manchester. Vol. III. Edited by A. H. Young, M.B.Edin., F.R.C.S. Manchester: University Press. 1906. 10s.

Bantu Folk Lore (Medical and General). By M. L. Hewat, M.D. Cape Town: T. Maskew Miller; and London: J. and A. Churchill. 7s. 6d.

The Pharmacopoeia of the Harrogate Infirmary. Edited by C. E. J. Eynon. Harrogate: R. Ackrill. 1906. 1s. 6d.

Handbook of Obstetric Nursing. By F. W. N. Haultain, M.D., F.R.C.P.Ed., and J. H. Ferguson, M.D., F.R.C.P.Ed., M.R.C.S.Eng. Fifth edition. Edinburgh and London: Young J. Pentland. 1906.

Simple Introductory Lessons in Midwifery. By M. Loane. London: The Scientific Press. 1s.

The Dentists' Register. 1906. London: Spottiswoode and Co., Limited.

Diseases of the Eye. By G. E. de Schweinitz, A.M., M.D. Fifth edition. Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders and Co. 1906. 21s.

Saint Bartholomew's Hospital Reports. Edited by A. E. Garrod, M.D., and W. McA. Eccles, M.S., F.R.C.S. Vol. XLI. London: Smith, Elder and Co. 1906.

The Medical Annual. 1906. Bristol: J. Wright and Co., and London: Simpkin, Marshall. 7s. 6d.

Baby: Useful Hints for Busy Mothers. By E. L. Maynard. Bristol: J. Wright, and London: Simpkin, Marshall. 1906. 1d.

A Soul's Wayfaring. By "Z." Bristol: J. W. Arrowsmith, and London: Simpkin, Marshall. 1906. 3s. 6d.

The Anaesthetic Technique for Operations on the Nose and Throat. By A. de Prenderville. London: H. J. Glaisher. 1906. 3s. 6d.

Essai sur la Puberté chez la Femme. Par le Dr. M. Francillon. Paris: F. Alcan. 1906. F. 4.

The Dental Annual and Directory. 1906. London; Baillière, Tindall and Cox. 7s. 6d.

Plant Response as a Means of Physiological Investigation. By J. C. Bose, M.A., D.Sc. London: Longmans, Green and Co. 1906. 21s.

The Practice of Pharmacy. Fourth edition. By J. P. Remington, Ph.M., Phar.D., F.C.S. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott Co.

Klinik für psychische und nervöse Krankheiten. Herausgegeben von R. Sommer. 1 Band. 1 Heft: Halle A. S.: C. Marhold. 1906. M.3.

The Pharmacy Students' Pocket Notebook. Edited by J. Humphrey. London: The Pharmaceutical Journal Office. 1906.

A Vocabulary of Malay Medical Terms. By P. N. Gerrard, B.A., B.Ch., M.D., etc. Singapore: Kelly and Walsh. 1905.

Indian Toxicology. By F. N. Windsor, I.M.S., M.B., etc. Calcutta and London: Thacker, Spink and Co. 1906. Rs. 3.

Beiträge zur Klinik der Tuberculose. Herausgegeben von Dr. L. Brauer. Band V. Heft 2. Würzburg: A. Stuber. 1906. M. 4.50.

Die Arzneimittel der heutigen Medizin. Von Dr. O. Dornblüth. Zehnte Auflage. Würzburg: A. Stuber. 1906. M. 7.60.

Plain Dinners: A Help to a Uric Acid Free Diet. By A. Braithwaite. London: R. J. James. 6d.

The Starchy Foods in Health and Sickness, with Sidelights from the Japanese. By A. Braithwaite. London: R. J. James. 3d.

The Real Triumph of Japan. The Conquest of the Silent Foe. By L. L. Seaman, M.D., LL.D. London: S. Appleton. 1906. 6d.

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CALENDAR OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Date.	Meetings to be Held.
APRIL.	
6 FRIDAY	LONDON: Ethical Committee, 2 p.m. HAMPSTEAD DIVISION, *Metropolitan Counties Branch*, Hampstead Conservatoire, Swiss Cottage, N.W., 8.30 p.m.
7 SATURDAY...	
8 Sunday	
9 MONDAY	LIVERPOOL (NORTHERN) DIVISION, *Lancashire and Cheshire Branch*, Medical Institution, 114, Mount Pleasant, 4 p.m.
10 TUESDAY.....	LONDON: Organization Committee, 10.30 a.m. LONDON: Public Health Committee, 3 p.m.
11 WEDNESDAY	WEST BROMWICH DIVISION, *Birmingham Branch*, District Hospital, 4 p.m.
12 THURSDAY...	LEIGH DIVISION, *Lancashire and Cheshire Branch*, Scientific Section, Co-operative Rooms, Ellesmere Street, Leigh, 3.30 p.m. NORWOOD DIVISION, *South-Eastern Branch*, St. John's Hospital, Morden Hill, Lewisham, 4 p.m.
13 FRIDAY	*Good Friday.*
14 SATURDAY...	
15 Sunday	
16 MONDAY	*Bank Holiday.*
17 TUESDAY.....	
18 WEDNESDAY	CENTRAL COUNCIL, 2 p.m.
19 THURSDAY...	CITY AND TOTTENHAM DIVISIONS, *Metropolitan Counties Branch*, Conjoint Meeting, Brooke House, Upper Clapton, 8.30 p.m. CHELSEA, WESTMINSTER, LAMBETH, NORWOOD, CROYDON, RICHMOND, AND WANDSWORTH DIVISIONS, Battersea Town Hall, Clapham Junction.
20 FRIDAY	
APRIL *(continued).*	
22 Sunday	
23 MONDAY ...	
24 TUESDAY ...	NORTH OF ENGLAND BRANCH, Stockton-on-Tees.
25 WEDNESDAY	ALTRINCHAM DIVISION, *Lancashire and Cheshire Branch*, Brooklands. BATH AND BRISTOL BRANCH, Bath.
26 THURSDAY...	WANDSWORTH DIVISION, *Metropolitan Counties Branch*, Worple Hall, Wimbledon, 8.45 p.m.
27 FRIDAY	ST. PANCRAS AND ISLINGTON DIVISION, *Metropolitan Counties Branch*, St. Pancras Infirmary, Pancras Road, N.W., 4 p.m.
28 SATURDAY...	
29 Sunday.....	
30 MONDAY	
MAY.	
1 TUESDAY.....	
2 WEDNESDAY	
3 THURSDAY...	SWANSEA DIVISION, *South Wales and Monmouthshire Branch*, Annual Meeting, General Hospital, Swansea, 3 p.m. WANDSWORTH DIVISION, *Metropolitan Counties Branch*, Bolingbroke Hospital, 4 p.m.
4 FRIDAY	BORDER COUNTIES BRANCH, Keswick.
5 SATURDAY...	
6 Sunday.....	
7 MONDAY	
8 TUESDAY ...	
9 WEDNESDAY	
10 THURSDAY...	
11 FRIDAY.....	HAMPSTEAD DIVISION, *Metropolitan Counties Branch.*

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Article III.—Any Medical Practitioner registered in the United Kingdom under the Medical Acts and any Medical Practitioner residing within the area of any Branch of the Association situate in any part of the British Empire other than the United Kingdom, who is so registered or possesses such medical qualifications as shall, subject to the Regulations, be prescribed by the Rules of the said Branch, shall be eligible as a Member of the Association. The mode and conditions of election to Membership shall from time to time be determined by or in accordance with the By-laws. Every Member, whether one of the existing Members or a subsequently-elected Member, shall remain a Member until he ceases to be a Member in accordance with the provisions hereof.

By-law 1.—Every Candidate for Membership of the Association shall apply for election in writing, addressed to the Association, and stating his agreement, if elected, to abide by the Regulations and By-laws of the Association, and the Rules of such Division and Branch to which he may at any time belong, and to pay his subscription for the current year.

By-law 2.—Every candidate who resides within the area of a Branch shall forward his application to the Secretary of such Branch. Notice of the proposed election shall be sent by the Branch Secretary to the General Secretary of the Association, and to every Member of the Branch Council, and the candidate, if not disqualified by any Regulation of the Association, may be elected a member of the Association by the Branch Council at any meeting thereof held not less than seven days (or such longer period as the Branch may by its Rules prescribe) after the date of the said Notice. A Branch may by special Resolution require that each candidate for election to the Association shall furnish a certificate from two Members of the Association to whom he is personally known. Officers of the Navy, Army, and Indian Medical Services on the Active List are eligible for election through the Council or a Branch without approving signatures as laid down in By-law 3.

By-law 3.—Every candidate whose place of residence is not included in the area of any Branch shall forward his Application to the General Secretary of the Association, together with a statement signed by three members of the Association, that from personal knowledge they consider him a suitable person for election. Notice of the proposed election shall be sent by the General Secretary to every Member of the Council, and the candidate, if not disqualified by any Regulation of the Association, may be elected a Member of the Association by the Council at any meeting thereof held not less than one month after the date of the said notice.

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